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BUSINESS TO KEEP UP.

Chicago, June 16th—As near as we can gain by some interviews with a few of the men who represent large business enterprises this is to be one presidential year when politics will interfere but little with business.

It is argued that in the past people have stopped during a presidential campaign until they saw results, but the country is forging forward at such a rapid rate this year that no pre-emption dullness will prevail.

However, it is openly admitted if there should such a thing happen as the election of a democratic president then there is bound to follow a period of anxiety until the new administration would point out the course it intended to travel.

But there is little thought at present about the possibility of a democratic president. The republican fight is the all-absorbing topic with general admission that Roosevelt or a new man will be named, either of whom can win in November.

Never again mention the wind of the Grande Ronde valley. Ferish the idea that we have wind in La Grande, Chicago is the real windy city and no mistake. Every one takes off eye glasses when going on the streets for fear they will be blown off. It is claimed that automobiles carrying wind shields burn a third more gasoline to resist the wind.

The hotel building art continues. Where once the Palmer house and the Great Northern were considered first rate now such exclusive hotels as the Blackstone have made the older structures hotels of the common people while the predatory rich who can afford to pay ten dollars a day for a room occupy the new ones.

In the Blackstone nothing has been omitted. No king's palace ever had more care and every servant is in Blackstone livery.

The finely, richly attired guests, the splendid music, popping of the champagne corks all serve to make a modest westerner if it is not true that there is building up in this country an aristocracy composed of humanity who have little or no feeling for the honest man who toils with his hands, who goes home in the evening to his wife and babies after a hard day's work and thinks how he will make his wages cover the next installment on his little cottage.

The "gold purse" entrance to the Blackstone is gorgeously set with the most expensive furniture and decorations. Quite often it is filled with women in low-necked gowns—women who spend more having their finger nails manicured than most La Grande ladies spend for clothes.

They are wives of the rich. They have nothing to do. The world to them is a play ground and what wonders overtake them are caused by some other woman's new diamonds or new gown. Few of this class of feminine beauty ever heard the word "mother" as applied to themselves.

They live that listless, doleful life which benefits no one, which adds nothing to art, to literature or to the world's industry.

Dwell on this picture for a moment and ask yourself, why is the socialist party growing?

It is the idle rich who are making socialists and making them very fast.

Southern delegates are most interesting. There is something sublimely earnest about every southerner. Whether he is right or wrong he is still earnest. Here is where the color lines cease. The most prominent Georgia banker will plead his contest and call on the blackest negro in the house to verify his statements. And at home it is doubtful if the banker would speak to the negro on the street.

There are many members of the national committee who would rather see a Titanic wreck of the republican party than to see Roosevelt nominated. But, where the sincerity of these men is rightfully questioned is that they are ostensibly for Taft, but in reality for a dark horse.

Oregon seems to be looked upon by most Chicago people whom we have talked to as away out of reach. They have heard something about apples and Umatilla Indians, but as for recognizing Oregon as a great state of grand resources, we have not found this to be true.

All of which shows that the apple advertising has attracted rather wide attention, as have Fred Lockley's Umatilla Indian stories in the Pacific Monthly and Sunset. What Oregon needs now is an earnest, truthful campaign about her land and her hogs, cattle and a lot of other good staple resources such as other states have.

Treasurer's Call for City Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants on general fund of La Grande city up to and including No. 9931. Endorsed Dec. 10, 1910. Interest on all warrants on general fund from No. 9764 to No. 9931 inclusive ceases from this date.

There are also funds in the treasury to pay all warrants issued against water fund of La Grande city up to and including No. 10783 endorsed July 5, 1911. Interest on all warrants on water fund from No. 10634 to No. 10783 inclusive ceases from date of this

call.
La Grande, Oregon, June 15, 1912.
RAY W. LOGAN,
City Treasurer.

6-15-12

MAGNIFIED HER WEALTH.

A Five Dollar Bill That Seemed to Be a Small Fortune.

The woman handed her friend a five dollar bill. "See the number of small five engraved on it?" she asked. "When I was in Denmark a few years ago such a bill as that caused me a great deal of amusement, and I had to surrender one before I could prove myself clear of a false belief regarding my finances."

"An aunt whom I was visiting saw in my purse one day a number of these bills, and she asked to examine one, as it was so different from any of the Danish money. She studied it attentively a few minutes and then asked me how much it was. I told her it was \$5, and, to my surprise, I saw she did not believe me. 'If it is only that amount,' she said, 'why has it so many little figures on it?'"

"I tried to explain, but I made little impression on her. Later I heard she had told our relatives that I was 'worth thousands and thousands of dollars' and was trying to conceal the fact from the family lest they should expect some things of me that they would not otherwise."

"When I heard that I was visiting in another part of the country and could not very well defend myself, so I hit on the expedient of sending my aunt a present of a five dollar bill. When she went to have it changed into the money of the country she was at last convinced, though at the price of having her dream of wealth rudely shattered."—New York Press.

A FAMOUS BEACON.

The Navesink Light, Near Sandy Hook, is a Wonder.

The most powerful light in America is housed on a promontory near Sandy Hook, 250 feet above the beach, where it acts as a safeguard to all ships entering or leaving the harbor of New York. It is called Navesink light and is of 95,000,000 candle power. At fifteen or twenty miles its flash is as pointed and brilliant as a star. On a perfectly clear night its shaft of light can be seen 100 miles at sea. When it was erected it was operated at twice its present candle power. But ocean pilots objected to its strength, saying that so amazing an electric flash actually blinded them and interfered with their work. Uncle Sam heard the prayer of the pilots and turned down his pet lamp to 95,000,000 candle power.

The amount of oil consumed by the engine that provides the power for the light is only one gallon and seven eighths an hour. That is the astonishing thing to the unsentient visitor—the comparatively small expense and effort required to maintain so great a light. There are two fair sized dynamo and two oil engines. One set is always kept in reserve. Of course the tremendous candle power is developed by means of a great lens made in France. The lens weighs seven tons and a half, is seven inches thick and rests in mercury. It is removed with ease.—Saturday Evening Post.

Purely Mental.

Mrs. Holden had been blessed with remarkable eyesight all her life. It was a great trial to her when at the age of seventy-two she was obliged to put on "reading glasses." "But they are really becoming to you, Aunt Hilda," said a gentle niece by way of consolation. "No, they aren't," said Mrs. Holden with her usual scorn for compliment. "Anybody's eyes look better without a glass in front of 'em, and you know it."

"But you couldn't read without them," ventured the niece, "and you love"—

"I could, too, read without 'em," said the old lady refusing to be soothed. "I could read most as well as ever, but I couldn't sense it all—that's the only trouble."—Youth's Companion.

England's Largest House.

The proud distinction of being the largest house in England is generally accorded to Lord Fitzwilliam's Yorkshire seat, Wentworth Woodhouse. Of this house it is said that the three principal entrances are so far distant from each other that visitors are advised to bring three hats with them, one to be kept at each point of egress. A house which is 600 feet long, has a hall in which two average suburban villas could be comfortably placed and boasts a room for every two days of the year is certainly large enough to satisfy any reasonable ambition.—Exchange.

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Ant Colonies.

An ant nest or colony arises from eggs laid by one or more "queens." The developing young are tended by the sexless neuters, or "workers." The maggots, or larval ants, are fed by them, often nourished out of the nurses' mouths, and are carefully watched in respect of the temperature and other conditions of the nurseries as are infantile human beings. When full development occurs the pupae change into ants, which are either winged or wingless. The latter are the "neuters," or workers. They may develop big jaws and appear as the "soldiers" of the colony. Those which are winged are the founders of new colonies. They are of both sexes, and they produce the eggs whence the new generations will be evolved.

Doughnuts.

Light, tender doughnuts quite unlike the usual solid kind are made with a cupful of sugar, a teaspoonful of butter, two eggs and a cupful of milk. Mix a scant pint of flour that has been sifted with two rounding teaspoonfuls of baking powder, making a paste that is soft. Stand the bowl containing it on the ice until it is very cold and then roll it out and fry before it loses its shape. The idea is to make the paste a little softer than can be rolled before it is stiff with cold and to use as little flour as possible. The doughnuts should be turned continually while they are frying.—Baltimore American.

Handy Shakespeare.

"Can you loan me four volumes of your Shakespeare set?"
"Certainly. Which volumes do you wish?"
"It makes no particular difference. We're to play bridge tonight, and our card table isn't quite high enough."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Irresistible.

"However did you reconcile Adele and Mary?"
"I gave them a choice bit of gossip and asked them not to repeat it to each other."—Fleegende Blatter.

Only One Exception.

Teacher—How is it that you don't know your lesson? Boy—I can't learn it. Teacher (angrily)—If it were not for me you'd be the biggest blockhead on earth.—Exchange.

Money in Her Own Name.

Hewitt—He married a girl with money in her own name. Jewett—Is that so? Hewitt—Yes; her name was Cash.—New York Press

Your mistake in life is that you do not look forward far enough.—Dickens

Notice for Sale of Improvement Bonds

Notice is hereby given that the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for the purchase of improvement bonds in the sum of \$13,062.35, bonds in denomination of \$500.00 each, bearing 6 per cent interest per annum, up to 5 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, June 19th, 1912; said bids to be filed with the recorder of the city and to be accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of the amount bid. The successful bidder will be required to pay for said bonds within ten days after notice that said bonds are ready for delivery.

Recorder of the City of La Grande, C. M. HUMPHREYS,
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. 6-14-12

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